

**Andrew Jackson to Thomas Pinckney, April 18, 1814,
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TO THOMAS PINCKNEY.1

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Tuskegee, April 18, 1814.

Sir . I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday; it reached me at 4 oclock to day.

It is very true that whatever operations remain to be performed should be hastened with all dispatch; and I shall remit no portion of my exertions. I have as yet received no supplies, up the Alabama or down the coosee. On yesterday I sent a detachment out of 400 to meet the boats which are supposed to be on the latter river, and conduct them safely down; To day I sent a detachment of fifty up the Tallipoosee to bring down supplies from Fort Decatur by means of rafts, which I am induced to think a more expeditious conveyance than boats, and not less safe.

This morning I ordered a detachment of 700 under the command of Col. Gibson to descend the right bank of the Alabama in pursuit of the flying enemy, and to burn some towns there situated. he will return tomorrow evening. I have also sent out my spies to discover the situation and movements of the enemy who are flying towards pensicola, and it is believed will halt on the waters of the Scambia,2 about fifty miles distant. I calculate on receiving certain information in four days, when I shall be ready for effective operations.

2 Escambia.

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A part of the hickory ground Indians and negroes are come in, and others are on the way. Every hour brings in more or less, all thankful to be received upon unconditional submission. One more interview will be sufficient to reduce the most stubborn of the red sticks to such a temper. I am anxious to have it, and to have it over. The roads from Hothlewaulee to this place are good, I found no difficulty in getting my waggons here. I hope I shall soon have the honor and pleasure of seeing you here.

I am very Respectfully yr. obdt. Servt.